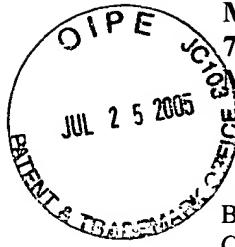


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**Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal**

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Title: Method and Apparatus For Temporarily Immobilizing a Local Area of Tissue

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on or about \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii.  Other

b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS
- iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2.  A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently.**

**3. Fees** (The RCE fee of \$790.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to:  
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- i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).....\$790.00
- ii.  Petition For a Two-Month Extension of Time .....\$450.00
- iii.  Supplemental IDS.....\$180.00

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iv.  Any other fees required to keep this application pending.

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